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SUBJECT: GUYANA SEEKS "ASSOCIATION" WITH COMECON

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1. GUYANA CHRONICLE REPORTED JANUARY 23 AND 24, THAT GUYANA IS SEEKING QUOTE A FORM OF ASSOCIATION WITH THE COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (CMEA) UNQUOTE. THE JAN 23 STORY FRONT PAGED AN INTERVIEW WITH THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION TO THE CMEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MINISTER DESMOND HOYTE. MR. HOYTE STATED THAT GUYANA'S RELATIONS WITH CMEA WERE NOT NECESSARILY DICTATED BY IDEOLOGY. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WAS THE MAJOR THRUST OF MINISTER HOYTE'S STATEMENT. QUOTE CMEA HAS ADVOCATED AND ESTABLISHED, STRONG LINKS OF CO-OPER-

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TION WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND HAS ADVOCATED, IN THE WORDS OF A CMEA SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT, "ECONOMIC RELATIONS AMONG STATES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS ON THE BASIS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, EQUITABLE CO-OPERATION, MUTUAL BENEFIT, AND RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY." END QUOTE. ON RELATIONS WITH THE WESTERN COUNTRIES, MINITER HOYTE REITERATED

GUYANA'S "WILLINGNESS" TO "CO-OPERATE" WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES.

2. CMEA ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE WAS ALSO THE THRUST OF AN ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THIS MORNINGS CHRONICLE (JAN 24) UNDER PRENSA LATINA BYLINE. THE POLITICAL FLAVORING OF TODAY'S ARTICLE, HOWEVER, WAS A LITTLE MORE EVIDENT. THE ECONOMIC SUCCESSES OF CMEA COUNTRIES WAS LAUDED. EAST-WEST AID COMPARISONS RESULTED IN OBVIOUS PREFERENCES FOR THE EASTERN BLOC. THE ARTICLE QUOTED THE FAVORABLE PRICES, LOW-INTEREST CREDIT AND DISINTERESTED AID WHICH ARE TYPICAL OF CMEA OPERATIONS WITH THE UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES THAT DIFFERS RADICALLY FROM THE TREATMENT RECEIVED BY THE LATTER IN THE CAPITALIST MARKET, DOMINATED BY THE TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

3. COMMENT: GUYANA APPEARS TO BE TAKING THE BIG STEP TOWARD THE EAST. GOG OBVIOUSLY BELIEVES THAT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND POLITICAL PRESTIGE (INDICATED REFTEL) APPEAR TO BE THE BENEFITS. THE COSTS, ON THE OTHER HAND ARE STILL TO BE DETERMINED. ONE SENIOR OFFICIAL (SEARWAR) AT MFA TOLD CHARGE HE WAS AGAINST MOVE SINCE HE SAW LITTLE TO BE GAINED BY GOG FROM SUCH ASSOCIATION. WE AGREE SINCE GOG HAS ONLY ONE REAL COMMODITY TO SELL TO COMECON, SUGAR AND THE CUBANS HAVE THE INSIDE TRACK THERE.

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